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1. According to the plan drawn up at the Main Administration for Liquid Fuels in the Production Area for Chemistry of the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry, factories under the Main Administration are scheduled to make a gross profit of 156 million DME. The three former SAG plants in Espenhain, Schwarzeheide and Zeitz, which are now affiliated with the Main Administration for Liquid Fuels, are not included in this 1954 profit plan. After the individual enterprises were notified of the profit plan and asked to turn in their own gross profit estimates for 1954, it turned out that the total profit estimated by the individual plants amounted to only 145 million DME.
2. The difference between the profit plan of the Ministry and the profit estimates of the individual enterprises is remarkable in that the profit plan of the Ministry itself was considerably below the actual gross profit made in 1953. During 1953 enterprises affiliated with the Main Administration for Liquid Fuels made gross profits amounting to 166 million DME. The following are the reasons for the reduction of the 1954 profit plan by around ten million DME:
 - a. Reduction of production by 1.5 percent is planned for 1954. This was caused by the fact that some articles, such as candles, which were formerly produced by plants under the Main Administration for Liquid Fuels are no longer produced there. In 1954, they will be produced by enterprises under the Main Administration for Light Industry. In addition, changes in the quality and assortment of articles to be produced in 1954 made a reduction of the profit plan necessary.
 - b. In 1953 the costs for the guarding and surveillance of the enterprises by Volkspolizei and other services were paid from the profit made by the enterprises. On the strength of a government decision, these costs will be booked and accounted for in 1954 under production costs which, in turn, will reduce the profits to be made.
 - c. In 1954 an increase of the mineral oil tax will also reduce profits. The mineral oil tax will be increased from about 55 million DME for all plants affiliated with the Main Administration for Liquid Fuels to about 67 million DME in 1954.

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